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Dear Congressman Dreier:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association and our more than 22,000 members, I would like to express our support for H.R. 2363, the Peace Officer Justice Act. This very important piece of legislation recognizes that all law enforcement officers - federal, state, or local - are deserving of the same protections and rights under the law.

The Peace Officer Justice Act will help ensure that more criminals are brought to justice and that fleeing the country will not protect them from prosecution. Knowing that the full weight of the federal government and all of its resources will act to bring a cop killer to justice is encouraging to local law enforcement. If enacted, this law will send a signal to all criminals that killing a law enforcement officer is the most serious of offenses and that those who do so will face the most severe penalties.

The National Sheriffs' Association and all 3,087 sheriffs across the country thank you for your support of local law enforcement and, in particular, for recognizing the importance of this issue. We are prepared to do all that we can to aid in the passage of H.R. 2363, the Peace Officer Justice Act.

Please feel free to contact Matt Socknat, NSA Government Affairs Director or Eric Schultz of the NSA staff for any assistance you need, (703) 836-7827.

Sincerely,

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